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Art Unit: 1621

JONES ET AL.

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APPLICATION NO: 09/810,458

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING 3-ISOCHROMANONE

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**AMENDMENT**

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Introductory Comments:

The specification has been amended to claim priority to the prior application from which this is a continuation.

Claims 1, 3, 11 and 13 have been amended, and claims 7-10 cancelled. The claims remaining for consideration are claims 1-4, 6, and 11-15.

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TITLE: PROCESS FOR PREPARING 3-ISOCHROMANONE

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO  
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I, ALAN JOHN WHITTON, a British subject residing at 2 Hillcrest Road, Falkirk, Stirlingshire, FK1 5NH, United Kingdom, declare that:

1. I am the Alan John Whitton named as an applicant in US Application Serial No. 09/810,458 filed March 16, 2001 (the subject application) and that I am familiar with the content of that application.
2. I am a qualified and experienced chemist holding the degrees Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science from the University of Waikato, New Zealand and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Cambridge, England. I am a Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry and hold the status of Chartered Chemist. I have been employed for 15 years in the Technology and Projects Department of SYNGENTA Limited (formerly Process Technology Department of Zeneca Limited and before that, Imperial Chemical Industries PLC) at its Agrochemicals manufacturing site at Earls Road, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire, FK3 8XG, United Kingdom, having joined the company in 1990 as a Research and Development chemist. During my career with SYNGENTA I have largely worked on the chemistry of agrochemical products, mainly devising and developing processes to agrochemical products and intermediates for their production on an industrial scale. I currently hold the position of Chemistry Work Group Leader in the SYNGENTA Technology and Projects Department.
3. I am the author or co-author of at least 8 publications and a named inventor on at least 9 patents and patent applications.

OK to Paul  
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